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STORING STORAGE OPER- )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response tot he Final Office Action  
mailed in January 26, 2005, and with the Request for Continuing Examination filed on  
the date herewith. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.